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DECLINE OF PRODUCTION OF SOYABEAN/ MUSTARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of soyabean and mustared has declined in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme is proposed to be formulated to boost the production of soyabean and mustard in the country;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to implement the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) and (b) The production of soyabean and reapeseed & mustard for the last three years is shown in the table below. It shows that the production of these two crops declined in the year 2002-03 which was badly affected by drought. Favourable rainfall boosted the production of both soyabean and mustard substantially in 2003-04.

(Production in Lakh tonnes)

Crops	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Soyabean	59.63	46.55	78.63
Rapeseed & mustard	50.83	38.80	61.98

(c) to (e) In order to increase production and productivity of oilseeds including soyabean and mustard the Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States. Under the Scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/ dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity, etc. to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds on a large scale. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR).

Besides, flexibility has also been given to the States for introducing innovative measures on any special component to the extent of 10% of financial allocation and involvement of private sector by the State Governments, in the implementation of the programme i.e. seed production, supply of inputs, extension support, block and frontline demonstrations with a financial cap of 15%.